

XM Satellite Radio has made my life better. I live in the mountains of North Carolina, and only have 3 FM radio stations to choose from. These stations are more junk and content. There is not one station that offers the music I like to listen to. Without XM radio, I would be forced to listen to what the NAB feels is "right" for my area. If my local stations wanted me to listen to their broadcasts, they would play quality music, and not force me to listen to their marketing propaganda, usually with static. XM offers clear sound, regardless of the music or channel I select.

While I do not benefit yet from XM's traffic and weather reports, I will welcome it openly, even pay extra for if needed, when it is available. The local stations here only give traffic reports during the morning and evening rush hours. I drive all day long, and need timely reports all day long.

Instead of bashing XM, the NAB should improve the services they offer. Advancement in radio technology should not be constrained. Without XM, I am forced to listen to radio I do not care for.

If XM is a true threat to broadcast radio, then I guess TV and Cable should be limited as well. I seem to be able to get both weather and traffic reports from them, I guess they have an unfair advantage over broadcast radio.

Then NAB's petition 04-160 should not be approved. I deserve to listen to the programming I choose and PAY for, and I deserve that programming to be quality sound, not the static broadcast radio gives me.